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The Duke of ORMANOD, DECLARATION

We *JAMES*, DUKE, Marquis and Earl of *ORMOND*,
Earl of *Brecknock* and *Ossery*, Viscount *Thurels*, Baron
Butler of *Lauthony* and Lord Butler of *Moore Park*, Ba-
ron of *Arco* Chief Butler of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, Lord
of the Royalties and Franchises of the Country Palatine of
Tiperary, Collonel and Captain of the Second Troops of
Her Majesties Guards, Lord Lieutenant of the County
of *Somerset*, One of *Her Majesties* Privy Councillors,
Chancellor of the Universitys of *Oxford* and *Dublin*, High
Steward of the City of *Westminster*, General of the *Light*
Horse, and Generalissimo of the Embarqued Troops, and
Knight of the Most Noble Order of the *Garter*.

*To all the Subjects and Vassals, of the Crown of Spain of whatsoever
Degree or Condition, Ecclesiasticks or Seculars health, &c.*

W Hereas the Most Serene Princess *Ann*, by the Grace
of God of *England, Scotland, France* and *Ireland*,
Our Lady (whom God preserve) hath been Pleased
to Give Us the Supream Power, and make Us Ge-
neral over the Troops and Navy, with Her Majesty by Agreement
hath Joyned with the *States-General* of the United Provinces;
hath Ordered the Settlement of the Rights of the Most August
House of *Austria*, in Conformity and Compliance with some Acts
of Alliance and Confederacy made in the Life of her Predeces-
sor King *William*, (Who is in Glory) with His Imperial Ma-
jesty, and the aforesaid *States-General* of the United Provinces;
and finding Our Selves, with the said Troops Ready and Prompt
to Obey Their Royal Orders, We have Judged it Necessary, before
we make use of Them to Declare, and we do Declare to all the Good
and Loyal Subjects and Vassals of the Crown of *Spain*, That we
come not with Intention to Subject or Put under the Govenment
of Our Lady the *Queen*, Or of the *States-General*; any Place, Citty.
Provinces of this Monarch, nor to use in them the Accustomed
Troubles and Callamitiy of War by means of Conquest, rather to
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Defend the said good and Loyal Subjects, and free them from insupportable Slavery in which they live, being brought thereto, and sold to *France*, by some disaffected Persons who have delivered this once most Glorious Monarchy into the Custody of her Ancient and Cruel Enemies, the *French*. Wherefore, the design and end of her Majesty and the *States-General* being Unitedly Resolv'd to Settle the Right of the August house of *Austria* as heirs of the Monarchy of *Spain*; we Declare Sollemly, all good *Spaniards* which shall not make Opposition, or Resistance to our Forces employed in so Just and pious a cause, to which the Motives, of Honour and Loyalty obliges every one to Concur and Succour, shall be Sollemly Protected, in their persons and Honour of their Houses and Families in which they enjoy: It shall not reach the Propriety of their goods, the Religion which they profess shall be respected, and in no manner shall they be ill treated, or molested, on our part, or by them that are under our Command, and as we have already made a Publick Declaration to all the Officers and Solders of our Army, that on penalty of their Lives, they are to abstain from Molesting, or giving Disturbance to any Person of what Quality or order soever, in the exercise of their Religion, we declare and promise in the most solemn manner, that there shall be acted nothing on any account whatsoever against the Churches *Monastery's* or against Religious Persons. *Fryars, Monks, or Ecclesiastick*, of whatsoever degree: not doubting, but on their side they'll give demonstration of their Submission and Fidelity to the ever August House of *Austria*; and that they'll united their forces to defend and seek the Right of the most August House of *Austria*; and to Defend those Realms from the *French* Slavery, and if after having Published the good Intentions of the *Queen* (our Lady) and of the *States-General* we have not the expected countenance from the Inhabitantes of those Territories on their parts, we call the Great Supream God to witness that the Hostilities committed by the Troops under your Command must be laid on the *Spaniards* themselves who having so fair an occasion and opportunity to shew their Loyalty and Follow the Motives of their Obligations and Interests will not Embrace it.

By Order of his Excellency *Benjamin Portlock*

Dated on Board the Navy
August the 21th 1702.

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